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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to gift certificate forgery; amending
3 s. 831.01, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for
4 persons who falsely make, alter, forge, or counterfeit
5 gift certificates with the intent to injure or defraud
6 a person; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Section 831.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to
11 read:

12 831.01 Forgery.—Whoever falsely makes, alters, forges or
13 counterfeits a public record, or a certificate, return or
14 attestation of any clerk or register of a court, public
15 register, notary public, town clerk or any public officer, in
16 relation to a matter wherein such certificate, return or
17 attestation may be received as a legal proof; or a charter,
18 deed, will, testament, bond, or writing obligatory, letter of
19 attorney, policy of insurance, bill of lading, bill of exchange
20 or promissory note, or an order, acquittance, or discharge for
21 money or other property, or an acceptance of a bill of exchange
22 or promissory note for the payment of money, or any receipt for
23 money, goods, or other property, ~~or~~ any passage ticket, pass, or
24 other evidence of transportation issued by a common carrier, or
25 a gift certificate as defined in s. 501.95 with intent to injure
26 or defraud any person, commits ~~shall be guilty of~~ a felony of
27 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
28 775.083, or s. 775.084.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.